

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kenneth C. Baran on August 28, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1) In independent claim 61, lines 18 and 20: The term --vertically-- has been inserted before the term "relative".
- 2) In independent claim 95, line 11: The phrase --above said base frame-- has been inserted after the term "travel".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In the prior Office action filed July 14, 2008, dependent claims 23, 67 and 95 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants' amendment filed August 19, 2008 incorporates the allowable subject matter of now-cancelled claims 23 and 67 into independent claims 15 and 61, respectively, and rewrites claim 95 into independent form. Since the remaining pending claims were either allowed in the previous Office action (i.e., claims 104-108) or are currently in dependent form (i.e., claims 16, 21, 32-35, 62, 96-98, 101, 102, 109-111), and an updated prior art search did not yield any other

references pertinent to Applicants' claims, it is considered that the application is currently in full and proper condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert G. Santos whose telephone number is (571) 272-7048. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia L. Engle can be reached on (571) 272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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